OPINION 1246

HERPETODRYAS MARGARITIFERUS SCHLEGEL, 1837 (REPTILIA, SERPENTES): CONSERVED

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *chiametla* Shaw, 1802, as published in the binomen *Coluber chiametla,* is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *margaritiferus* Schlegel, 1837, as published in the binomen *Herpetodryas margaritiferus,* is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2850.

(3) The specific name *chiametla* Shaw, 1802, as published in the binomen *Coluber chiametla,* and as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1116.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)1704

An application for the suppression of *Coluber chiametla* Shaw, 1802 was first received from Professor Hobart M. Smith (then of *University of Illinois*) on 30 March 1965. It was sent to the printer on 20 May 1965 and published on 2 November 1965 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 22, pp. 235–236. An adverse comment from the late Dr James A. Peters (*U.S. National Museum*) was published in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 24, p. 138, 1967. In consequence a revised application by Professor Smith and Mrs Rozella B. Smith (*University of Colorado*) in which evidence was given of extensive usage of the junior synonym involved (*Herpetodryas margaritiferus* Schlegel, 1837) as against only four uses of *Coluber chiametla* since its first proposal, was sent to the printer on 18 July 1978 and published on 19 February 1979 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 35, pp. 184–186. The application was supported by a working committee of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. No adverse comment was received.

Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to eight general and two herpetological serials.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 22 November 1982 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule in Voting Paper (1982)17 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 35, p. 185. At the close of the voting period on 22 February 1983 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty (20) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Brinck, Mroczkowski, Uéno, Willink, Sabrosky, Schuster, Corliss, Halvorsen, Kraus, Alvarado, Trjapitzin, Hahn, Cocks, Starobogatov, Bayer, Heppell, Cogger, Ride

Negative Votes — two (2): Savage, Dupuis.

Bernardi was on leave of absence. Welch returned a late affirmative vote. No voting papers were returned by Binder and Lehtinen.

Professor Savage observed: 'The basis for this proposal is to preserve the applicant's specific name *fistulosus* H. M. Smith, 1942. If the application is denied the name *margaritiferus* Schlegel, 1837, would still be in use in the combination *Drymobius chiametla margaritiferus*. These name changes will have no effect outside systematic herpetology.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

chiametla, Coluber, Shaw, 1802, *General Zoology* (Amphibia), vol. 3 (2), p. 440

margaritifera, Herpetodryàs, Schlegel, 1837, *Essai phys. Serp.*, vol. 1, p. 151, vol. 2, p. 184.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(82)17 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1246.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary
International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
15 March 1983